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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
"Aboriginal Women: The Journey Forward" Is The 2006 National Theme

TORONTO – The Ontario government is celebrating this year's Women's History Month theme by recognizing the contributions that First Nations, Inuit and Métis women have made to this province and country.

"Women's History Month is an opportunity for us to recognize the key roles women play in making our province and country a better place for everyone," said the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues Sandra Pupatello. "This year, we are celebrating the achievements Aboriginal women have made on behalf of the Aboriginal community and all Ontarians."

The Ontario government is actively working with Aboriginal communities so that women get the services and support they need to succeed:

- invested $500,000 over four years to support programs in 31 Aboriginal communities to prevent family violence, and;
- invested over $400,000 to train Aboriginal women for careers in skilled trades.

We have also invested $25 million over five years in the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy to improve the health of Aboriginal people across the province.

"Aboriginal women are making significant contributions in communities across this province," said Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs David Ramsay. "I'm pleased that our government will formally recognize them and support strong female voices."

On-line resource materials about Women's History Month can be found at www.ontariowomensdirectorate.gov.on.ca.

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